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## **I. POLICY**

Each Juvenile Detention Center shall designate space and time frames for the youth to participate in religious activities. Participation in religious services shall be voluntary. There shall be no reprisal against any youth for his choice as to participation in religious services. Every reasonable effort shall be made to facilitate free participation in religious practices. Such participation shall be limited only by threat to safety, security or operational functioning of the institution.

## **II. APPLICABILITY**

This policy shall apply to all state-operated detention centers.

## **III. DEFINITION**

Not Applicable

## **IV. PROCEDURES**

- A. Each Detention facility shall have a Religious Services Coordinator who is qualified to perform the tasks necessary to coordinate the facility's religious programs. This position may be full-time or part-time and may be filled by volunteer(s). If volunteer(s) are utilized, all provisions of DJJPP 112 shall be met. The Religious Services Coordinator shall develop and maintain close relationships with religious resources in the community.
- B. Clergy, pastors or ministers who are ordained may conduct one-to-one visitation or counseling with agreement of the youth. Such visitation shall be open to all religious faiths, with the exception of faiths that encourages

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violent acts, as determined by the superintendent or designee. All participation in religious services and activities shall be voluntary on the part of youth.

- C. If a youth desires that a representative from his own church, denomination or religious faith provide counseling, such person may be contacted through the Superintendent or designee. All requests shall be honored within reason.
- D. Religious dietary restrictions shall be honored to the extent possible (Reference DJJPP 426).

#### **V. MONITORING MECHANISM**

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to monitor these activities. The Division of Program Services shall conduct, at minimum, annual program audits.